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## MARICOPA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL TO ADOPT ALL PETS IN THE SHELTER IN ONE NIGHT LIVE BANDS, FREE FOOD AND LOVEABLE ANIMALS OCTOBER 8 IN MESA

Phoenix, Ariz. – (Tuesday, September 20, 2005) – The stars will shine overhead as *Moonlight Muttness* & *Meow* transforms animal adoption into a fun, family oriented opportunity! If you are looking for a new best friend and a night of FREE food, music and entertainment, the place to be on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 10pm is the Maricopa County Animal Care & Control\* (AC&C) center located at 2630 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Mesa.

"Our goal is to adopt more than <u>200</u> homeless pets in one evening, virtually emptying out all of our kennels, says Dr. Rodrigo Silva, AC&C Director."

While getting to know all of the wonderful animals available for adoption, those attending can sample great food from participating restaurants such as RigaTony's, Iguana Mack's and Subway, as well as dance to the sounds of Soulful Horizons, Banned, the Loveblisters and Brandon Reid Allen.

All pets adopted during the Moonlight Muttness & Meow event will be spayed or neutered, be licensed and micro chipped and come with leashes or cat carriers and two months of pet insurance. Other necessities will be provided by PetSmart and It's a Ruff Life Dog Daycare & Activity Center. Adoption fees are \$85 for dogs and \$55 for cats.

For any questions concerning Moonlight Muttness and Meow, please call 602.481.9125.

www.moonlightmuttness.org

(website coming soon)

\*Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (AC&C) is a full service animal agency with shelter, adoptions, field services, licensing and education programs. Their mission is to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of people and pets in Maricopa County. As a partner of the Maddie's Pet Rescue Project in Maricopa County (<a href="www.az4animals.com">www.az4animals.com</a>), AC&C has committed to making Maricopa County a No-Kill community, in which every healthy and treatable dog and cat in our shelters can be guaranteed a permanent home.